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Your Reference: FGN/34507
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Dear Ms. Martyn:

Thank you for your letter of September 23, 1993, in which you requested the filing date and number of the earliest corresponding patent application in connection with the above-identified application.

The application that we sent to you on September 16, 1993, was filed in the PCT on September 10, 1993, and adds material to and claims the priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/943,504, which was originally filed in the U.S. on September 11, 1992. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/943,504 is, in turn, a continuation-in-part of copending, commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/666,926, filed March 11, 1991, which was abandoned in favor of file-wrapper continuation application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/012,799, filed February 2, 1993. As we noted in our letter of September 16, 1993, we understand that it is no longer possible to claim the priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/943,504 in the Malaysian, Thailand, and Turkish applications.

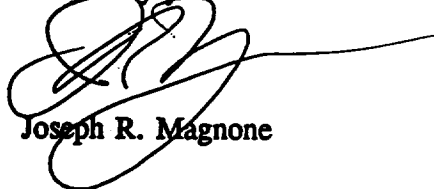
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We hope that this information is sufficient. Please feel free to contact us if you have any other questions in connection with this application.

Very truly yours

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